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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.45 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation room

ICTY

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Consultation Room

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	228th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 88th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/56/572) [108]

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing: report of the Third Committee (A/56/573) [109]

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/56/574) [110]

4. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/56/575) [111]

5. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/56/576) [112]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": report of the Third Committee (A/56/577) [113]

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/56/578) [114]

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/56/579) [115]

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/56/580) [116]

10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/56/582) [118]

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/56/583) [119]

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/56/583/Add.1)

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/56/583/Add.2)

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/56/583/Add.3)

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/56/583/Add.4)

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/56/583/Add.5)

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/56/584) [12]

13. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/56/585) [27]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Statements submitted by the Secretary-General on programme budget implications of draft resolutions and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in documents A/C.5/56/13, A/56/644, A/C.5/56/15, A/C.5/56/16, A/C.5/56/18, A/C.5/56/20 and Corr.1, A/C.5/56/21, A/C.5/56/22, A/C.5/56/23, A/C.5/56/24, A/C.5/56/26, A/56/705, A/C.5/56/27, A/56/709, A/C.5/56/28, A/56/710, A/C.5/56/29 and A/56/716)); and 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Second performance report (A/56/674 and A/56/694))

7 p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475))

10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Board of Auditors: Allocation of audit work

2. Special Advisor for Cyprus

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Assistance in mine action)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 38, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 19 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 19 December 2001

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

9 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

WORKSHOP ON TEAM DEVELOPMENT

9.45 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Briefing

The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions will hold a briefing for Eastern European States on Fifth Committee matters *today*, 19 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal meeting

The expert group meeting on "Structural Threats to Social Integrity: Social Roots of Violent Conflict and Indicators for Prevention" will continue *today*, 19 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting, to be conducted in English, is organized by the Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For further information, please contact Ms. Brigid Donelan (tel.: (212) 963-3173).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 89th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (f) and 43]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/681, A/56/687)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.62)

3 p.m. 90th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Multilingualism: draft resolution (A/56/L.44) [32]

2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/56/L.65) [40]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 14 to 25 January 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 14 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/31.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference on Financing for Development and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on Thursday, 20 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on all matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council.

Resumed substantive session of 2001

The Economic and Social Council will hold its resumed substantive session of 2001 on Thursday, 20 December 2001, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the informal consultations, to discuss all outstanding issues, including the elections of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal (closed) consultations in preparation for its resumed 2001 session on Thursday, 20 December 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The Committee will hold its resumed 2001 session from 14 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2001 session is contained in document E/C.2/2001/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Tuesday, 15 January 2002, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 11 to 21 February 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 11 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda will be issued as document E/CN.5/2002/1, and the organization of work will be issued as document E/CN.5/2002/L.1.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S- 2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women, by hand-delivery to room DC2-1260, by fax ((212)-963-3463); or by e-mail (daw@un.org), no later than Friday, 21 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (21-25 January 2002) will take place on Thursday, 10 January 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Soial Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2002/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2002

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 21 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2002/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 7 January 2002.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session for 2002 on Friday, 11 January 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

First regular session for 2002

The first regular session for 2002 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 28 January, to Friday, 8 February 2002, in Conference Room 2. The joint session of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and of UNICEF, with the participation of WFP, will take place on Monday, 28 January, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2002/L.1. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 21 January 2002.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, is available on the Financing for Development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>. Hard copies of the text may be obtained from the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (room DC2-2386).

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At the informal meeting held on Friday, 7 December 2001, the Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commisison dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) distributed the information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs with Mr. Nazir Kamal (room S-3170F; tel.: (212) 963-6195), as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extensions 226 and 224). The Chairperson would also like to remind all delegations that they might submit further information.

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Background information on the Secretary-General's report on the priority theme "Integration of social and economic policy" of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development (12-22 February 2002), is available to be picked up at the office of the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (room DC2-1370). It can also be downloaded from the Web site of the Division at: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2002/htm>.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) are jointly conducting a Workshop on the priority theme of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development: Integration of social and economic policy. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 16 January 2002, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 9 January . For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963- 9684 or (212) 963- 9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 14 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

86th plenary meeting

Statement by the President on the occasion of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the United Nations

The President made a statement.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.10)

(b) Amendment (A/56/L.11)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 14.

The representative of Australia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.10.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/56/L.11.

The representative of Australia moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to the amendment (A/56/L.11).

The representatives of Chile and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) spoke in favour of the motion.

The representatives of Iraq and Jamaica spoke against the motion.

By 96 votes to 7, with 20 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was adopted.

Statements in explanation of the vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Israel, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India and Iraq.

The Assembly then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/56/L.10.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/56/L.10 Third preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	127	2	6
Draft resolution A/56/L.10 Operative paragraph 5 (recorded vote)	130	0	5
Draft resolution A/56/L.10 Operative paragraph 10 (recorded vote)	136	2	0
Draft resolution A/56/L.10 Operative paragraph 12 (recorded vote)	119	0	14
Draft resolution A/56/L.10 (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/94)	150	1	2

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, China, Cuba and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 14.

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/56/L.48) [29]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 29.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.48 (resolution 56/95).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 29.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/56/L.46) [35]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 35.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.46 (resolution 56/96).

Statements were made by the representatives of Poland (on behalf of Chile, the Czech Republic, India, Mali, Mexico, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and the United States) and Suriname.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Australia, Thailand, Croatia, Yemen, Canada, Benin, Albania, Brazil, Denmark, Malta, Bangladesh, Italy, Norway, Liechtenstein, the Republic of Moldova, El Salvador, Germany and Madagascar.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: draft resolution (A/56/L.41/Rev.1) [33]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 33.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.41/Rev.1 (resolution 56/97).

The representative of Yemen made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: draft resolution (A/56/L.43) [21 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 21.

The representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States) made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/56/L.43.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.43 (resolution 56/98).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 21.

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3 and Add.1 and 2) [12]

The President of the Economic and Social Council made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3 and Add.1 and 2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Croatia, the Republic of Korea and Nepal.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Announcement

The President informed the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 3 (e) of General Assembly resolution 54/33 of 24 November 1999, and after the appropriate consultation with Member States, he had decided to reappoint H.E. Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade (Samoa) and Mr. Alan Simcock (United Kingdom) as Co-Chairpersons of the Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs.

87th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/56/L.14, A/56/L.51 and Corr.1, A/56/L.55)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/56/L.39, A/56/L.49, A/56/L.52, A/56/L.53, A/56/L.54, A/56/L.56, A/56/L.58, A/56/L.60)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/56/L.57)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/56/L.50)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/56/L.59)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-items (a) to (e) of agenda item 20.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the group of African States) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/56/L.39, A/56/L.56 and A/56/L.60 and orally revised draft resolution A/56/L.39.

The representative of Yugoslavia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.49.

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.50.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and Mexico) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.51 and Corr.1.

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/56/L.52.

The representative of Panama made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/56/L.53.

The representative of Egypt (on behalf of the group of Arab States) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.54.

The representative of Sweden made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/56/L.55.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/56/L.57 and A/56/L.58.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.59.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/56/L.14 (resolution 56/99), A/56/L.39 as orally revised (resolution 56/100), A/56/L.49 (resolution 56/101), A/56/L.50 (resolution 56/102), A/56/L.51 and Corr.1 (resolution 56/103), A/56/L.52 as orally corrected (resolution 56/104), A/56/L.53 (resolution 56/105), A/56/L.54 (resolution 56/106), A/56/L.55 (resolution 56/107), A/56/L.56 (resolution 56/108), A/56/L.57 (resolution 56/109), A/56/L.58 (resolution 56/110), A/56/L.59 (resolution 56/111) and A/56/L.60 (resolution 56/112).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a), (c), (d) and (e) of agenda item 20.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

Tuesday, 18 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4439th meeting

Letter dated 30 April 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/434)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium, Egypt, Guinea, Morocco, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Assistant-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The President made a statement.

The Council then heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Assistant-Secretary-General Ibrahima Fall.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, China, Norway, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Jamaica, Tunisia, Colombia, Singapore, the United States, France, Ireland, Ukraine, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Mali.

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, which aligned themselves with the statement), Morocco, Guinea, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

Mr. Fall responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the statements submitted by the Secretary-General on programme budget implications contained in documents A/C.5/56/28, A/C.5/56/29, A/C.5/56/26 and A/C.5/56/27.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/56/710, A/56/716, A/56/705 and A/56/709) respectively.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71: Preparations for the substantive preparatory process and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/C.5/56/28 and A/56/710)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Israel, Japan, South Africa, Indonesia and Australia.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/C.5/56/29 and A/56/716)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Nepal and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.42/Rev.1: United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (A/C.5/56/26 and A/56/705)

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.45: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/56/27 and A/56/709)

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on the above programme budget implications would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal).

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/56/L.21.

The representative of Argentina orally corrected the Spanish version of the text.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/56/L.22.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to a question raised.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Second performance report for the biennium 2000-2001

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/674).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/694).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, Canada, the United States and Cuba.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Guillermo Kendall (Argentina).

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [131]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Revised estimates resulting from the strengthening of the role of Internal Oversight Services at the Tribunals for the biennium 2002-2003

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/30).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee which would be issued as document A/56/717.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that appropriate action on this question would be made in the context of the informal consultations of both items.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Signature: Nepal (18 December 2001)

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Signature: Albania (18 December 2001)

Signature: Latvia (18 December 2001)

Signature: Singapore (18 December 2001)

Signature: Thailand (18 December 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Antigua and Barbuda (18 December 2001)

Signature: Australia (18 December 2001)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Lebanon (18 December 2001)

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Thailand (18 December 2001)

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Thailand (18 December 2001)

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